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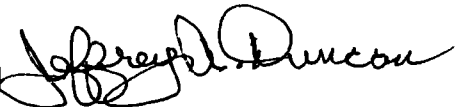
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SUBJECT: Chargeability Review Committee Decision

Case No.: 2014-C-20-

Deceased: 

Date of Incident: June 14, 2014

Date of Death: June 14, 2014

Operator: Consol Pennsylvania Coal Company

Mine: BMX Mine

Contractor: Bear Construction, Inc.

Decision: Not chargeable

In a unanimous decision, the Chargeability Review Committee has determined the death of [REDACTED] should not be charged to the mining industry. Mr. Skepanski, a 65 year old owner of a mine sub-contracting company, was walking down the hallway in the mine office building at the start of his day. He became unstable and was assisted to the floor by a co-worker. He subsequently became unconscious. CPR was administered and he was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead later that day.

The death certificate indicated that the manner of death was natural and the cause of death was atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. An autopsy was not performed. [REDACTED] had a history of heart disease and a pacemaker. MSHA's investigation did not identify any physical or environmental causes that could have contributed to the death.

Based on the findings of the death certificate and the MSHA investigation, the committee members concluded that [REDACTED] died due to natural causes and his death should not be charged to the mining industry.

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